Weekly Memorials

FOR THE

INGENIOUS:

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An Account of Books lately ſet forth in ſeveral Languages, With other Accounts relating to *Arts* and *Sciences*.

Munday, *April* 3. 1682.

Dn. Georgii Wolffang. Wedelii *diſputatio inauguralis de Arthritide vagâ Scorbuticâ.* 4to.

THis Learned *Author* having diſtinguiſh'd this *Diſeaſe* from ſeveral others, which are fix'd in ſome particular Member of the Body, as the *Chiragra*, *Podagra*, and *Sciatica*, and having given us all the various *Etymologies*, and Names of it, he comes to define this *Scorbutick wandring Gout* to be a Pain of the Membranous Parts, eſpecially the Joints, running up and down the Body, occaſioned by an Influx of the *Acid Serum* of the Blood, impregnated with a ſubtil Scorbutick Salt, which preys upon the part affected, he will not admit the word *Tumor*, or Swelling into its deſcription, becauſe when it appears, then the Diſtemper becomes more mild and gentle; neither will he allow the *Bones* and *Cartilages* to be concern'd: he obſerves that ſometimes this Diſeaſe will attack the part with a *Tumor*, and Inflammation, which he thinks proceeds from an *ebullition* of the *ſaline ichorous Matter*, that being not diſſipated is gather'd together, raiſing up, and pricking the part; yet he has obſerv'd ſometimes that a *flatus*, or wind, will produce all theſe *phænomena*. There are Spots of ſeveral Colours and Magnitudes, which do often attend the *Symptomes* of this Diſeaſe, and makes the part look, and feel, as tho' it had been ſtung with Nettles. *Wedelius*'s Father obſerv'd in a Noble Perſon, that after his wandring pains had fix'd their ſtation in any particular Member, and had been quiet for 6 or 8 hours, that then ſome ſpots would preſently ſpring up, which upon ſome outward Applications would gleet out a *purulent Humor*, and in ſuch a great plenty, as that by the help of preſſing them, they would in three or four days time fill ſeveral little Veſſels.

As for the Cauſes of this Diſeaſe, he blames the Bowels, that often perverts thoſe Juyces, which they ſend to the Maſs of Blood: *Martianus* is quoted, who obſerv'd ſeveral Gouty Patients to be wonderfully eas'd in their pains, when they did at any time of their own accord vomit up any ſharp Matter: the Maſs of Blood being charg'd with theſe preternatural and deprav'd Liquors, does often diſcharge, or throw them off

upon the Joynts, or other ſenſible parts, where they prick, ſhoot, and play their pranks. To this general Cauſe ſeveral other remote ones may concur, as, an hereditary natural weakneſs in the Joynts, a ſaline and corroſive Air, irregularities in Meats and Drinks, and in the other natural things, beſides a ſudden obſtruction of *Diarrhœa's*, *Hæmorrhoids*, *Monthly Courſes*, *Iſſues*, or *Setons*, may often contribute to its generation, a great reflux of Matter being made thereby, which is often caſt off another way upon the Joynts and nervous parts. This Diſeaſe ſeiſes upon all Sexes and Ages; a Youth, 16 Years old, was miſerably wrack'd with it. *Hippocrates* is very poſitive, that a Menſtruous Woman cannot have the *Gout*; yet our *Wedelius* quotes Authority, Obſervations, and Experience againſt the *Oracle* it ſelf. He ſays theſe Pains are often periodical, Feaveriſh Symptoms, as cold and heat uſhering them in: they ſeldom prove Mortal, unleſs accompanied with a train of other terrible Symptoms, as difficulty of Breathing, Faintings, Convulſions, and ſuch like, which ſeldom happen, unleſs Nature is overthrown, either by the malignity or abundance of the *morbifick Matter*, ſo that ſhe cannot drive it in a critical manner from the *Center* to the *Circumference* of the Body. This Diſeaſe is accounted leſs dangerous, if it falls upon a young ſtrong body, eſpecially in the Spring; the Hip is look'd upon to be the worſt place that it can fix upon, a luxation of the Thigh-bone being often caus'd thereby, and the influence of external Medicines being not able to penetrate ſo deep: he ſays, that he has obſerv'd the Eyes, Ears, Tongue, and Noſe, to have been affected with this Diſtemper, and laughs at thoſe who endeavour to ſuppurate the *extravaſated*, or *morbifick Matter*; Nature her ſelf often diſcuſſing and tranſpiring it, or elſe receiving ſome of it into the Veſſels again, carries it to ſome other *Sink* of the Body, or elſe lets it out at ſome *Sluce*.

In the Cure of this *Diſeaſe* he handles firſt the *Chirurgical* part, commending *Phlebotomy* by the *Lancet*, or *Leeches*, and ſpeaks well of *Scarrifications*, and *Iſſues*; then he goes on to *Pharmacy*, where he adviſes to give ſome preparative *Specificks*, before you begin to cleanſe the *Primæ viæ*, as *Tartar. vitriolat. tinctur. Tartar. eſſentia Martis Tartariſat. ſalia Alcalia, Corall. rubr. ocul. Crancror.* and many ſuch like, which may be given in any convenient *Vehicles*. As for the *Cathartick* he prefers the Roots of *Mechoachanna*, *Rheubarb*, *Tamarinds*, *Hermodactis*, *Myrobalans*, *Polypody*, infus'd in Wine, with ſome *Melon-ſeeds*, and *Tartar. vitriolat.* Afterwards he ſpeaks of the great neceſſity of *Sudorificks*, as the *volatile Salts* of *Vipers*, *Serpents*, and *Worms*; of *Hartſhorn*, *Sal Armoniack*, &c. *Tincture of Antimony*, *Bezoar Mineral*, *Antimonium Diaphoreticum*, *Tinctura Bezoard. D. Michael. Chalybeats* well prepar'd; and all *Alcalies* whatſoever are here commended; if Nature ſeems to affect her evacuations by *Urine*, then *Diureticks* muſt be preſcrib'd, and *Sweats* muſt not be fore'd. Out of the *Vegetable* Kingdom he picks out moſt of the choice *Antiſcorbutick* Plants: and coming to *Minerals*, beſides thoſe before mentioned, he extols *Mercurial Preparations*; if the Pains are acute and troubleſom, then *Anodynes* and *Opiates* are proper, as *Laudanum'*, *Pil. de Cynogloſſ. de Styrace*, and ſuch like. As to outward Medicines, he allows thoſe that reſolve and diſcuſs to be the beſt, exclaiming againſt Ointments, and ſome Plaiſters, that often fixes the running Gout in one particular part, bringing on *Nodes* and *Tophies*, but if the pains prove intolerable, then the Author diſpenſes with *Anodine* Applications, as Decoctions of the tops of *Pine* in *Milk*, to which may be added *Henbane* and *Soap*, *Camphire*, *Tincture of Saffron*, *Balſam of Sulphur ſuccinated*, *Unguentum populneum*, and *volatile Salts*. A Kinſman of the Authors always finds preſent eaſe from a ſolution of *Gum Tragacanth* in Vinegar, blotting Paper being dip'd in it, and apply'd.

Some *Mineral Waters* are commended, for which the Authority and Reaſons of our moſt Learned Dr. *Charlton* are quoted. As to the hot natural Baths, the Author approves of them, but adviſes the Patient to uſe them gently and ſlowly, leſt they

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ſhould drive the *morbifick Matter* into the inward parts. A *Milk Diet* is mentioned, but he refers us to the *German Ephemer.* and to *Tackius* for further Inſtructions. As for the Patients Diet, it muſt be of ſuch things as are eaſily digeſted; ſaline, ſweet, and ſmoak'd Meats may be improper; the *fix'd Alcaly Salts* of *antiſcorbutick Plants* may be us'd at Table inſtead of common Sea Salt; he allows *ſmall pure Wines* in a moderate quantity; *Spaniſh, Hungarian, French,* and *Rheniſh* ones, eſpecially the ſtronger ſorts may not be convenient, beſides they are generally adulterated. In common Exerciſes, in Sleep, and Watchings, a due moderation and exactneſs muſt be obſerv'd, and all Paſſions muſt be chain'd up.

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La Bibliotheque de Dauphiné contenant les Noms de ceux qui ſe ſont diſtinguez par leur ſcavoir dans cette Province & le denombrement de leurs Ouvrages depuis XII. ſiecles. In 12. *à Grenoble.* 1680.

IT were to be wiſh'd, that there were perform'd in every Province of this Kingdom what M. *Allard* has already done, and yet intends to do for that of *Dauphine.* He gives us in this little Book not only the Names of thoſe of this Province who have been famous for their *Learning*, but he adds thoſe likewiſe whoſe *Works* were either begun or perfected in *Dauphine*; as *Cujatius*, *Caſaubon*, *Agrippa*, *Rabelais*, &c. We find here, to begin with the Church, great *Archbiſhops* and *Biſhops* of this Province, as *Alcimus Avitus*, *Ado*, *Bernardus*, *Leodigarius*, *Archbiſhops* of *Vienne*, and *Eucherius* Biſhop of *Lyons*: Famous *Lawyers*, as *Guido Papa*, Counſellor in the Parliament of *Grenoble*, whoſe *Deciſions* are ſo much eſteem'd through all *Europe*: Renown'd *Hiſtorians*, as *Nicholas Chorrier*, who has given us the Hiſtory of his Province: Able *Phyſicians*, and excellent *Mathematicians*, among which *Ozias Feronce* is remarkable, whoſe natural Abilities were ſo great, and his *Genius* ſo proper to ſpeculative Sciences, that without any Maſter, Study or Rudiments, he had ſuch a perfect Knowledge of the *Stars*, that he hath paſs'd for one of the moſt skilful *Aſtronomers*. The *Women* alſo have rendred themſelves famous by the excellency of their *Wit* and *Pen*, as *Ann* Vicounteſs of *Talard*, *Alix* Counteſs of *Die*, *Julia Feliciſſima*, &c. *Humbert*, the fifth General of the Order of Preaching Fryers, whom King *St. Lewis* choſe for Godfather to *Robert* Count of *Clermont* his fourth Son, *Francis Maironis*, Inſtitutor of the *Sorbonne-Act*, which is yet obſerv'd at *Paris* with ſuch exactneſs; *Pluvinel*, who firſt ſet up *Academies* in *France* for *Riding*; and *Guiges Lard*, Inventor in 1430. of that ſort of ſmall *Money* which carries his *Name*, were all of the Province of *Dauphine*. And at preſent there are had in great Admiration the Families of *Simiane*, *de Vinay*, *de Virieu*, *du Vivier*, *du Perier*, *de Ponnat*, *de Portes*, *de la Croix*, as alſo that of *Boiſſieu*, whoſe Glory *Denis de Salvaing*, firſt Preſident in the *Chambers of Accounts* of this Province, maintains at this day with ſuch applauſe. We are oblig'd to him for ſeveral excellent *Works*, among which are his *Sylvæ* in *Latin* Verſe, concerning the Seven Wonders of *Dauphine*; which are, The burning Fountain; * The Tower which harbours nothing Venomous; The inacceſſible Mountain; The Wine-Fats of *Saſſinage*; The Vinous Fountain; The *Manna* of *Briancon*; And the Fountain of *Barberon*.

* *La Tour ſans venin.*

From

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De Religione Sabaitarum ſeu Antico-Caldeorum Diſſertatio, J. P. S. T. P. 1679.

THe Religion of the People called *Sabaites*, or ancient *Chaldeans*, depended on the *Stars*. This Author takes notice of all thoſe Superſtitions wherein the Weakneſs, Ignorance and Extravagance of humane Wit is remarkable, and he believes that from thence hath ariſen the ſuperſtitious part of *Aſtrology*, and the ridiculous Science, as he calls it, of *Taliſmans*.

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An Extract of a Letter written from Lyons, *by M.* Spon, *M.D. &c. concerning a Remarkable Particular.*

Esther Elizabeth van Waldkirk, Daughter of a Merchant of *Shaffhauſen*, reſiding at *Geneva*, aged at preſent 19 Years, having been blind from two Months old, by a Diſtemper falling on her Eyes, nevertheleſs hath been put on to the ſtudy of Learning by her Father, ſo that ſhe underſtands perfectly *French*, *High-Dutch*, and *Latin*; She ſpeaks ordinarily *Latin* with her Father, *French* with her Mother, and *High-Dutch* with the People of that Nation; ſhe has almoſt the whole *Bible* by heart; is well skill'd in *Philoſophy*; plays on the *Organs* and *Violin*; and, which is wonderful in this condition, ſhe hath learn'd to Write, by an Invention of her Father's, after this manner:

There was Cut for her upon a *Board* all the *Letters of the Alphabet*, ſo deep as to feel the Figures with her fingers, and to follow the traces with a Pencil, till that ſhe had accuſtom'd her ſelf to make the Characters: Afterwards they made for her a Frame, which holds faſt her Paper when ſhe will write, and which guides her hand to make ſtraight lines; ſhe writes with a *Pencil* rather than with *Ink*, which might either foul her Paper, or by failing, might cauſe her to leave Words imperfect. 'Tis after this manner that ſhe writes often in *Latin to her Friends*, as well as in the other two Languages.

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